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IF AN ANIMAL IS TOO SICK OR INJURED TO STAND, THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER THE FOOD HUMAN CHAIN. ALSO TO POSING AND INCREASED RISK FOR BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION THERE IS PROOF SOME DOWNED ANIMALS MAY BE AFFLICTED WITH A FORM OF BSE(BOVINE SPONGIFORM) ENCEPHALOPATHY OR MAD COW DISEASE.) THIS DISEASE HAS BEEN LINKED TO A FATAL HUMAN ILLNESS (CID OR CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE DOWNED ANIMALS HUMANELY, THEY ARE TYPICALLY PUSHED BY TRACTORS OR DRAGED WITH CHAINS-INHUMANE PROCESSES WHICH CAUSE INJURIES. RANGING FROM BRUISES AND ABRASIONS ALSO BROKEN BONES AND TORN LIGAMENTS THEIR IS A SMALL AMOUNT OF THESE DOWNED ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, AND PROHEBETING THEIR MARKETING WILL CAUSE NO UNDUE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. EXPERTS IN THE INDUSTRY ESTIMATED THAT 90% OF DOWNED ANIMALS CAN BE PREVENTED WITH BETTER CARE AND HANDLING. REMOVING THE MARKET FOR DOWNED ANIMALS WILL PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO INDUSTRY TO PREVENT DOWNED ANIMALS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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